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"WE MUST EITHER GO ON OR GIVE UNDER."—Premier

"FIGHT ON—OR SURRENDER?"

Premier's Dramatic Appeal to Labour Delegates.

PEACE CHEQUE AT HINDENBURG BANK.

Mr. Lloyd George had another straight talk to Labour delegates on Friday concerning the supply of additional men for the Army. The Premier's principal points were:—

There are no alternatives to the present proposal for raising men except raising the age or sending wounded men back into the battle line.

He believed the Labour Party's war aims represented the minimum of justice.

If we were not going on with all our might, we might as well stop fighting, in which case what sort of terms should we get from Hindenburg?

No democracy had ever long survived the failure of its adherents to die for it.

If any man standing in my place can find an honourable, equitable, just way out of this conflict without fighting, for heaven's sake let him tell me. My own conviction is this—we must either go on or go under.

PREMIER'S APPEAL.

Shall We Send the Wounded Back?

Addressing the Labour Party delegates on Friday, Mr. Lloyd George said he had come to think that the country for the Government and the Labour Party was the same. He said that the Government and the Labour Party were both in the same boat, and that the only way out of the conflict was to go on fighting with all our might. He said that if we were not going on with all our might, we might as well stop fighting, in which case what sort of terms should we get from Hindenburg?

It Would Be Treason.

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Delegates' Questions.

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Only One Answer.

Continuing, Mr. Lloyd George said his war aims programme, as endorsed by President Wilson, had been received with acclaim throughout all the Allied countries, but what had been the reaction in Germany? He said that if we were not going on with all our might, we might as well stop fighting, in which case what sort of terms should we get from Hindenburg?

Militarism Still Dominant.

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Serbian and War Aims.

As a sequel to the speeches made by Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson, Serbian Deputies living in France have asked Mr. Nicholson, the Chairman of the Skupstina, who is in Paris, to call on the Serbian Government in order to discuss the political situation.

AFTER CAMBRAI.

NO SUPERIOR OFFICER SENT HOME.

In the House of Commons Maj. David Davies asked the War Office Secretary whether certain officers who were sent home from France in connection with the military operations at Cambrai had since returned to the front and resumed their previous commands; and whether he proposed to take any action regarding this matter. Mr. Nicholson said he could add nothing to the statements made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer earlier in the week. Mr. Davies asked if the hon. gentleman was aware that the Chancellor of the Exchequer said nothing on this particular matter. (Laughter.)

ITALIAN INQUIRY.

COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RETREAT.

Gen. Diaz has then put during the past few days in sitting of the Italian Cabinet and in two meetings of the War Committee, says a Reuters telegram from Rome. A Commission of Inquiry has been named to consider the responsibility for the military operations at Cambrai, and also upon the manner in which the retreat was effected. The Commission has all the necessary powers to inquire into the matter, and also upon the manner in which the retreat was effected. The Commission has all the necessary powers to inquire into the matter, and also upon the manner in which the retreat was effected.

COMMANDER RETIRED.

It is reported that the Archduke Eugene has been retired from the Supreme Command on the Italian front.

PIAVE FIGHTING.

ITALIAN GAINS HELD AFTER BITTER FIGHTING.

An Italian official report describing the bitter fighting at the bridgehead at Capo Sile, the Italian attack was made at dawn by two columns. The enemy's reaction was particularly violent against the left column, an angry counter-attack was launched, but it was repulsed. At 10 a.m. the columns had reached the objective assigned, and reinforced themselves in the position. The enemy's infantry advancing against the bank of the Piave Vecchia stormed with great impetus, but without fortune. The enemy suffered heavy losses. After a failure the enemy command prepared a more violent and faster action. On Wednesday morning, at about 6 a.m., after having continued throughout the whole night violent preparatory fire, the Austrian batteries concentrated intense destructive fire to the right of the bridgehead, where at 7 a.m. the infantry began the attack on a wide front.

Enemy's False Claim.

The first attacking body of troops was broken up by the fire of the Italian defenders and the terrible barrage fire. Other Austrian waves then advanced to the assault. The Italian defensive fire was so heavy that the badly cut enemy troops were continually reinforced and substituted by fresh units, and they then succeeded in a supreme effort at 8.30 a.m. in taking the Italian line at the extreme right, withdrawing slightly, but only for a short time. A furious struggle ensued, and at 11 a.m. the Austrians were driven back along the whole front, and the Italian positions were wholly re-established. The enemy troops announced that the bridgehead east of Capo Sile had been wrested from the Italians. This was not true, for only a small part of the Italian positions had been taken on the right, and the enemy had been very careful not to confess that on the next day Italian counter-attack had taken away from him his partial gain.

WAR'S NEW PHASE.

HUN GENERALS' PREPARATIONS FOR BIG ATTEMPT.

The Vienna semi-official paper, "Corriere d'Italia," predicts that the action of the Central Powers' war will enter a new and violent military phase. The generals, who have been in Berlin, have been attempting to achieve the success of the German arms. The Holy See's reports from the armies of Austria and Germany indicate that the ruling military classes are hard set against Mr. Lloyd George's speech and the terms of peace.

KAISER'S NEW SECRETARY.

The "Kreuz-Zeitung" states that the Kaiser's new secretary of the Kaiser has been replaced by von Berg, Governor of East Prussia. The private secretary of the Kaiser is a very influential man in Germany, and he is most intimate adviser of the Emperor.

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STOP PRESS.

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WESTERN FRONT QUIET.

MINOR OPERATIONS ONLY.

There is a comparative lull on the Western front, Sir Douglas Haig having nothing special to chronicle. His communiqué yesterday morning said: "There is nothing of interest to report on the British front."

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

LIVELY GUN-FIRE.

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ATTACK ON BUELOW.

AUSTRIA DISSATISFIED WITH ANNEXATION PLANS.

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NO PREMIUM BONDS.

SELECT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Select Committee appointed to inquire into the desirability of otherwise raising money for war purposes by the issue of Premium Bonds state in their report that they do not advise that an issue of such Bonds be made at the present time or until further efforts have been made to render present issues more attractive to the investor. The Committee states that they understand that the Government has been advised that no issue which involves an element of chance could be made without an Act. So far as the large investor was concerned the evidence before the Committee was conclusive that an issue of Premium Bonds would have no effect at all upon the large investor. The Committee states that the large investor in the City which pass through the Bank of England. If present methods should prove to be insufficient some other alternative must be sought to attract money from the large investor.

SOMETHING MORE ATTRACTIVE.

"We are satisfied that, so far as the general public and the small investor are concerned, the present Government issues fail to enlist all the financial support that might be obtained. Amongst the large section of the public who are not in trade, nor wage-earners, investments in non-Government securities still largely prevail on account of their desire for more remunerative though necessarily speculative, stocks, and this source of help, financially, can only be obtained by some more attractive Government issue."

There is also clear proof that the weekly wage-earners, especially the men, demand an investment which would appeal to them primarily in the form of a chance of substantial increase of their capital, and that the ordinary rate of interest, amounting as it must to the small investor only to a few shillings a year, even at the rate of 5 per cent., is of secondary importance to them."

Probably about 50 to 100 millions a year would be the most money that could be expected from sources at present untouched.

Money Would Be Diverted.

Undoubtedly a good deal of money would be diverted from the war effort by an issue of Premium Bonds, for it was admitted by many witnesses that several very hostile to Premium Bonds, and that the Committee did not appear to the working man, and that his investment in them were due to patriotism and persuasion rather than to strong moral objections. There would be strong moral objections to the use of money for saving Associations for the sale of Premium Bonds, and there are also practical considerations which might make it difficult to raise the necessary sum of money for the war effort.

Division of Opinion.

On the direct issue whether Premium Bonds are desirable for the purpose of raising money for the war effort, the Committee admit that the same sharp division of opinion that was found when the Committee upon War Loans and Small Investors considered this question in 1915 was also manifested amongst themselves. Out of 35 witnesses 18 were in favour of Premium Bonds, 12 were against, and 5 were unopinionated. The Committee do not follow any clear and regular line, as, for instance, even in the ranks of ministers of various religious denominations, who naturally have strong views against gambling, there was by no means unanimity in their opinions upon the morality of the Government's connection with the issue of Premium Bonds.

"A Speculative Element."

"To sum up our conclusions, we beg to report that the present opportunities of investment for the public are not sufficient to obtain their free and full support, and that there is a considerable untapped source of investments which might be secured for war needs by means of an issue of Bonds, which would, by a speculative element, whilst preserving the capital intact, attract the savings of the small investor to whom the ordinary rate of interest is not appealing. We doubt, however, whether the amount of new money to be obtained would justify any change of a contentious character in our financial policy, and we think that such strong views are held with regard to Premium Bonds that legislation to sanction them would be difficult to obtain and that such a proposal might cause a controversy in the country which would be most undesirable."

HERTLING'S SPEECH.

Reuter's Agency states that according to a telegram received in London Count Hertling has again postponed his expected statement in reply to the declaration of the British Prime Minister and Pres. Wilson. It had been announced that Hertling would make his postponed speech before the Reichstag Main Committee on Friday, and that he would outline Germany's war aims.

U.S. NAVAL MISHAP.

It is officially announced that six men were killed and three were injured on the United States battleship "Michigan" when a boiler exploded during a heavy sea at sea.

BOLSHEVIKS AND RUMANIA.

A MURDER PLOT THAT FAILED.

In authoritative Rumanian quarters the latest threats of the Government at Petrograd against Rumania and the Royal Family cause no surprise, says Reuter. Recently, without the least provocation, the Bolsheviks sent troops to Jassy under the leadership of a Bulgarian reactionary named Rakovsky, with instructions to seize the Rumanian Royal Family and the members of the Government. Gen. Tcherbachoff, however, succeeded in capturing the ringleaders, including a Kronstadt student named Rochal, who was one of the principal instigators of the troubles at Kronstadt. The Russian General then applied for the support of the Rumanian army against a coup d'etat on the part of the Bolshevik army sent against him. 15,000 Men Disarmed.

In response, the Rumanian army, without bloodshed, disarmed 15,000 Bolshevik irregulars, and so the whole plan failed. The Bolshevik ultimatum refers to the liberation of the above-mentioned ringleaders, who, as clearly stated, were arrested by Gen. Tcherbachoff, and not by the Rumanian army. The latter has most carefully refrained from anything like an armed conflict with the Bolsheviks. Under no circumstances, however, will it tolerate any action of foreign troops on Rumanian soil to further plans against the Rumanian Royal Family, Government, or people.

Whole Rumanian divisions are now employed in watching the doings of the Bolsheviks and the Rumanian front with the intention of returning to their homes, but meanwhile are pillaging, looting, violating, and burning villages of Rumania.

Loans Annulled.

The Central Executive of the Soviet Deputies has issued a decree annulling the State loans. According to the project all State loans of previous years have become null and void. Dec. 1. Coupons for the above loans must not be paid. Foreign loans are annulled unconditionally. Short-term Treasury loans remain. Citizens of the Soviet Republics who have reached the stage here to-day which Germany reached a couple of years ago. We are two years ahead of them, at any rate, the food supply. This is a great advantage, at any rate, the health of the Germans is bad. The cereal crop last year was anything but good. It was worse than the year before that. The potato crop, of which they had such great hopes, is not coming up to their expectations by any means. There is a great deal of suffering in the country. We can smile with contempt at the attempts of the Germans to beat us with the submarine. What we want to-day is that we must recognise that for the time being, at any rate, we must allow ourselves to be disciplined and carry out loyally any orders that are made by those responsible for giving them, whether we think they are right or wrong."

Trains Plundered.

RAILWAYS IN HANDS OF THE MOB. The Russian Wireless news received on Friday contains a manifesto addressed to all Councils by Committees for Food and Communications. The manifesto states that from all sides reports are received of disorders and excesses at railway stations by soldiers and armed gangs. The railways are in the power of the mob. Wagons are opened and their contents are plundered. Large numbers of profiteers are transporting goods arbitrarily without paying anything for them. Wagons are uncoupled from trains. This state of anarchy has entirely disorganised the transportation of food and communications, and has the worst possible effect with regard to supplying starving regions and the armies on the front with food. The Councils are accordingly directed to take the most effective measures for the establishment of order on the railways.

Service Reduced.

In order to expedite the transport of food and goods to the front and to Petrograd, Moscow, and other great cities the movement of all passenger trains, except postal and suburban traffic, and Siberian express trains, will be stopped on the night of Jan. 20-21 until Feb. 2.

NEARING BANKRUPTCY.

An Exchange telegram from Copenhagen, says that the Danish Government is fast approaching bankruptcy, and there is a great feeling of discontent amongst commercial circles owing to the state of affairs as regards finance and the economy of industry as brought about by the Bolsheviks. Political prisoners in the fortress of Peter and Paul no longer receive food, and are in a state of starvation, and without supplies from outside they would die of hunger. Forged cheques for three million roubles have been discovered at the State Bank, the bearing the signature of Bolshevik commissaries.

GERMAN LIES EXPOSED.

The Bolsheviks have issued an official statement calling attention to the distortions in the German report of the proceedings at Brest-Litovsk, made the subject of denouncing the German public. The Bolsheviks say that they desire peace, but only a just, democratic peace, and they ask the world to judge the proceedings by the reports and not by those of the Germans.

LORD RHONDDA ON FOOD SUPPLY.

NO FEAR OF STARVATION.

Lord Rhondda speaking in London on Friday said he welcomed the opportunity of a frank talk upon some of the problems of the Food Ministry and what they proposed to do in the near future in regard to the difficulty of securing adequate supplies in peace time, he pointed out, two-thirds of the general food supply of this country comes from abroad. Consequently, if through lack of tonnage we are only secure half of what is required, two tons of food have to do the work that three did before the war. We were importing four-fifths of our wheat requirements. In the case of meat, and this is one of the pressing difficulties of the moment, before the war we imported 2½ cent of every 5lb. consumed in this country by the civilian population. That supply has been greatly reduced. The amount imported has been much reduced, and what is imported mainly goes to supply the Army. Instead of the 2½ cent, we now get 70 per cent of the bacon consumed here before the war, a very small percentage indeed is available for that purpose. I have to make 3lb. do the work of 5lb. In the case of bacon, 70 per cent of the bacon consumed here before the war came from abroad, mostly Scandinavia. Owing to the blockade, if you do not allow imports or if you restrict imports into Scandinavia, exports of grain and other foodstuffs to try to get our bacon supplies from America to-day.

Butter and Margarine Supplies.

The same applies largely to butter and margarine. The supply of butter is very small. As regards supplies it is obvious, in view of the restrictions on the importation of food into this country, that even if we secured what I consider to be the maximum essential requirements, we still have a very difficult problem in persuading the people of this country to make 2½ lb. go as far as 3½ lb. went before the war. There is no danger that the people should greatly reduce the consumption of food as compared with what they were consuming before the war. There is no danger that the people should greatly reduce the consumption of food as compared with what they were consuming before the war. There is no danger that the people should greatly reduce the consumption of food as compared with what they were consuming before the war.

Compulsory Rationing.

"I think I can reasonably promise you that when compulsory rationing comes in for certain articles, it will be on the basis of giving the consumer 50 per cent. more than is coming per capita of the population to-day. We have reached the stage here to-day which Germany reached a couple of years ago. We are two years ahead of them, at any rate, the food supply. This is a great advantage, at any rate, the health of the Germans is bad. The cereal crop last year was anything but good. It was worse than the year before that. The potato crop, of which they had such great hopes, is not coming up to their expectations by any means. There is a great deal of suffering in the country. We can smile with contempt at the attempts of the Germans to beat us with the submarine. What we want to-day is that we must recognise that for the time being, at any rate, we must allow ourselves to be disciplined and carry out loyally any orders that are made by those responsible for giving them, whether we think they are right or wrong."

The Threat of Starvation.

"With the help of the German people and we shall get them help. I know, we can smile. If the people of this country do their duty I believe the war is as likely as not going to be won in England at the front. We can smile with contempt at the attempts of the Germans to beat us with the submarine. What we want to-day is that we must recognise that for the time being, at any rate, we must allow ourselves to be disciplined and carry out loyally any orders that are made by those responsible for giving them, whether we think they are right or wrong."

THOSE 50,000 RABBITS.

Mr. Clynes, replying to Capt. Carr-Gomm, said the statement that 50,000 rabbits had been put into cold storage at Rotherhithe appeared to have been made under a great deal of misunderstanding. A considerable quantity of frozen rabbits had been placed in cold storage recently on Government account, but no further fresh rabbits. This supply might be reserved for immediate Army purposes.

GLASGOW'S TANK RECORD.

At the Glasgow Fair on Saturday business was brisk despite a blinding snowstorm. An attraction was prize drawings and the total received has now exceeded £300,000. The Lord Provost appeared for £10,000. The Lord Mayor of Birmingham has wired congratulations on Glasgow's achievement.

CONFIDENCE IN HUGHES.

The motion of want of confidence in Mr. Hughes's Government, proposed by the Labour representatives, has been negatived by 12 votes to 12.

A MUNITION FACTORY FIRE.

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GOOD SPORT AT PLYMOUTH.

There was a large company at the Commencement

Principal events on the programme were a performance by the rock band **THE MOON** (Plymouth) and Jim Lander (Manchester). The band had been offered a ten second turn. The present ensemble were very nervous. The band had been offered a ten second turn. The present ensemble were very nervous. The band had been offered a ten second turn. The present ensemble were very nervous.

mission suspended Anderson until he appears before them. It may be m

Fixtures for Saturday Next

LONDON COMBINATION,
Clayton Orient v. Crystal Palace
Millwall v. Queens' Park Rangers
Tottenham Hotspur v. Fulham
Chelsea v. West Ham
Brentford v. Arsenal

MIDLAND SECTON.

Bradford City v. North County.
Grimsby Town v. Sheffield Wednesday.
Leeds City v. Leicester Fosse.
Lincoln City v. Rotherham County.
Notts Forest v. Rotherham.

TAKASHIRU SECTION.
 T. H. Beck.
 Bolton Vanderwey v. Preston State Road,
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 Manchester United v. Liverpool.
 Odium Adm. v. Mury.
 Port Vaux v. Blackpool.
 Southampton Central v. Reading.
 Stockport County v. Stoke.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
 Arr. United.
 Celtic v. Airdrieonians.
 Glenbarron.
 Heart of Midlothian v. Hamilton.
 Hibernian v. Thistle.
 Motherwell v. Clydebank.
 Partick Thistle v. Falkirk.
 St. Mirren v. Queen's Park.
 St. Johnstone v. Raith Rovers.

FRENCH COLONIALS.
 MINISTER ON EXTENSION OF
 COMPULSION.

the French Colonies in West and Central Africa, the Minister for

nors a circular letter denning the principles of French Colonial policy. Minister says: "To obtain recruits extend conscription, relax the national code in favour of those who have been in England."

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tion, establish sanatoria for them,
reserve special employment for the

MAD FARMER'S CRIME.
At Suffolk Assizes, appeared on Monday, Dr. Farmer, charged on the charge of wilfully murdering his father by shooting him at Earl's Ham on Oct. 20.—Dr. Whitcomb, medical superintendent at Suffolk County Asylum, stated that he had the supervision of accused since October, and during the greater part of the time prisoner was quite of a sound mind.—The jury found accused unable to plead, and he was ordered to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.

in the morning to go to business.
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